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"Lift up your Eyes And Look"

# Lift up your Eyes and Look

John 4:35

## INTRODUCTION:

1. Jesus in John 4 teaches some wonderful lessons to the woman at the well.
2. Woman returns to city and tells others.
3. His disciples come and question him about it.
4. Multitudes of people going out to see Jesus.

## BODY:

I. Jesus then tells his disciples his purpose on earth.  
This was what he spent his life for. (vs 34)  
Purpose in God's will was to save man's souls.  
We should have the same attitude on earth,  
Our main purpose should be to save souls.

II. Closely related to this subject of saving souls,  
Jesus brings their attention to a proverb:  
~~Planting~~ and 4 months later the harvest,  
Expectation of farmer for crop.  
No off season for saving souls.

There are 3 looks the Lord would have us take:

① "Lift up your eyes & look on the fields for they are white already unto harvest" - Jn 4:35

Raise your eyes and look

Our families offer a wonderful field.  
The fields are white everywhere - next door, etc.  
Souls who have never known the gospel.  
Wayward Christians to be brought back.  
Field always white - never wintery season.  
These words remind us of Jesus' words as he called Peter.

Mt 5:10 - "Follow me and I'll make you a fisher of men." fisherman begins fishing

So we need to look at the harvest, there is a large field, but what are we doing?

② Second, Christ tells us to look at the laborers:

Mt 9:37 - few laborers.

Yes, a great work, but so few who will work.  
A harvest that will not wait, Every day we wait, souls are being lost.

Laborers few in number - WHY????

Maybe because of indifference, lack of vision, or wrong conception of our stewardship as Christians.

③ Look at Yourself.

How do you fit into the harvest field?  
What are you doing to bring Kingdom of G. to people?  
Have you been instrumental in leading any soul to Christ?

How long has it been since you led one to Christ?

III. Lift up your eyes and look.

How often we need to take these three looks.

Look at huge field, few laborers, yourself.  
We must preach the gospel to men and women.  
What a shame to allow such opportunities to go unheeded.

Do you have anyone in sight whom you are hoping to see become a Christian?

## CONCLUSION:

1. "He that reapeth receiveth wages, etc." Gal 6:9

Here is your reward - Bringing souls to Christ.

This harvest is not temporal as grain, but eternal.  
Are you a laborer today? If not why?

The Lord needs everyone of us to work in those white fields.

Why not begin today to reap for Christ?

BE A LABORER





## INTRODUCTION:

1. Jesus in John teaches many wonderful lessons to the woman at the well. "Living Water," Worship in Spirit and truth.
2. Woman returns to the city and tells others about the Messiah.
3. His disciples come and bring food for Christ, but Jesus turns to a spiritual lesson to the disciples.
4. As He speaks multitudes are seen coming out to see Him:

## I. JESUS TELLS HIS DISCIPLES HIS PURPOSE ON EARTH: verse 34

1. This is the reason his life was offered in the flesh.
2. "TO DO THE WORK OF GOD," "TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WORK."
3. God's purpose in Christ becoming flesh was to save souls.
4. **We should have the same attitude as Christ had:**  
The salvation of the souls about us.  
Our main purpose for being here is to serve God and to accomplish His Work.--To save souls, self and others

## II. CLOSELY RELATED TO THIS SUBJECT OF SAVING SOULS, JESUS BRINGS THEIR ATTENTION TO A PROVERB:

1. Planting and then 4 months to the harvest.
2. The expectation of the farmer when he plants the seed.  
**BUT THERE MUST BE THE PLANTING OF THE SEED:**
3. We also can have the expectation of harvest of souls:  
**But there must be the planting of the seed:**  
John 17:17; Luke 8:11; 1 Peter 1:23; John 8:24,32.

## III. CHRIST THEN SPEAKS: LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK!!!

1. We need constantly to "lift our eyes and look"
2. So often we become dejected, down-trodden, heavy, etc.
3. Of all people, God's children should keep their shoulders back, carry their burdens victoriously, a crown awaits.

## IV. "LOOK ON THE FIELDS!"

1. "For they are white already unto harvest"--John 4:35
2. Raise your eyes and look about you, everywhere, next door, etc.
3. The fields are white, souls to be saved, those who have never heard the gospel in its entirety, completely.
4. Many wayward Christians to be encouraged, brought back.  
**Have you missed any of the members lately?? Have you sought them out, enquired of them???**
5. There is never an off season in the harvest of souls.  
So often members take out during certain seasons, makes no difference what work church may be engaged in.
6. Our families offer a wonderfully white field.

7. These words remind us of Jesus' words as he called Peter:  
Lk.5:10--"Follow me and I'll make you a fisher of men."  
Fishermen keep fishing. What if a fisherman quit when he failed to catch fish???
8. So we need to look at the harvest, there is a large field,  
**BUT WHAT ARE WE DOING???**

## VII. SECOND, CHRIST TELLS US TO LOOK AT THE LABORERS:

1. Lk. 9:37--Laborers are few.
2. Yes, a great work, but so few who will really work.
3. A harvest that will not wait, every day we wait souls are being lost, not prepared to meet judgment.
4. Laborers few in number---**WHY???**  
Possibly because of so much indifference upon the part of those who should know better, lack of vision, or wrong conception of our stewardship as Christians.
5. There are really so few who really WORK for Christ.

## VIII. THIRD, LOOK AT YOURSELF:

1. How do you fit into the harvest field?
2. What are you doing to bring people to the Kingdom of God?
3. Have you been instrumental in leading any soul to Christ.
4. How long has it been since you have influenced just one person to attend services, led one soul to Christ???
5. **ARE WE WORKING IN THE VINEYARD?? OR RESTING UNDER SHADE???**
6. **What wages would you receive if Christ sent you your check today?**

## IX. LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK.

1. How often we need to take these three looks. **OUR MEETING**
2. Look at the huge field, few laborers, yourself.
3. We must preach the gospel to men and women.
4. What a shame to allow such opportunities to go unheeded.  
We shall answer at the judgment.
5. Do you have anyone in sight whom you are hoping to see become a Christian? Then labor in their behalf.

## CONCLUSION:

1. "He that reapeth receiveth wages"--Gal 6:9--Be not weary....
2. Here is your reward--Bring souls to Christ.
3. This harvest is not temporal, like grain, but eternal.
4. Are you a laborer today? If not, why not?
5. The Lord need everyone to work for him, But more than this?  
**YOU NEED TO BE IN THE FOLD, YOU NEED CHRIST!!**
6. **ARE YOU ENLISTED IN THE LORD'S SERVICE? OBEY HIM NOW.**

BE A LABORER, BE DILIGENT,